



Yakshinis & Chetakas

At heart a Shakta, outwardly a Shaiva, in gatherings a Vaishnava, in thus many a guise the Kaulas wander on earth - *Kaula Upanishad*

Indian tradition has a multitude of spirits occupying the 03-worlds. Many are the servants of Lord Shiva, & some have been pressed into the tantrik cause, as spirits which can, for eg, solve all your financial problems or find that perfect lover.

Below are some eg. The chetakas appear in ***Tantra-Rajatantra***, an encyclopaedic work of Shri Vidya. There is an English abstract in print, prepared by Sir John Woodroffe. However, Sir John plays down the multitude of magical operations contained in this work & in the commentary in print.

The yakshas (M) & yakshinis (F) look after treasure hidden in the earth, & come under the dominion of the god **Kubera**.

The 64 Chetakas

These are servitors of Shiva, akin to elementals. Once drawn into service, they require nourishment. You have to keep this work force happy, if you take them on.

They are (1) Amorous One (2) Vehicle (3) Heroic One (4) Separator (5) Angry One (6) Poet (7) Roaring like a Lion (8) Very Noisy (9) Beautiful Necked One (10) Ape (11) Deceitful One (12) Cat Eyed One (13) Dancing Cat (14) Boy (15) Bird (16) Originator (17) Peacock (18) Auspicious (19) Terrific (20) Tiger Faced (21) 6 Faced (22) Elephantine (23) Mover in the Night (24) Seizer of Poison (25) Lupine (26) Buffalo (27) Elephant Faced (28) Beast Face (29) Elephant Mouthed (30) Tremulous (31) Lucky Gemstone (32) Plaything (33) Lion Faced (34) Eagle (35) Heron Faced (36) Crow (37) Horse Faced (38) Great Bellied One (39) Big Bodied (40) Deformed (41) Beautiful (42) Restless (43) Cockerel (44) Sorcerer (45) Love's Lassitude (46) Deluder (47) Long Shankd (48) Gross Toothed (49) 10 Faced One (50) Beauteous (51) Damager (52) Cruel One (53) Bear (54) One with Bristles (55) Fraud (56) Crooked One (57) God of Death (58) Servant

(59) Cheat (60) Rogue (61) Devourer (62) Fear Inspirer (63) Accomplished One (64) One who goes Anywhere.

The 36 Yakshinis

A Yakshini is a species of super-natural entity, in some ways **similar to a fairy**. Yaksha is male, Yakshini female. In **Uddamareshvara Tantra** 36 of these beings are described, together with their mantras & ritual prescriptions. By soliciting their aid various powers are said to accrue to the devotee.

Uddamareshvara is a name of **Lord Shiva** & means "Lord of the Extraordinary". His retinue consists of a host of disreputable beings, fiends, ghouls, &c. which he has forced into his service.

Yakshas & Yakshinis are attendants or servitors of Lord Kubera, who has all the earth's treasure within his domain. A similar list is given in the *Tantraraja Tantra*. There it is said that they are givers of whatever is desired, each having 2 arms, fair bodies, wearing fine clothing of different hue, young & wanton, adorned with garlands of flowers, smeared with orpiment. Alternative mantras from this tantra are formed as follows:\

Hrim Shrim Nityadrave Mada.... (Name of Yakshini) Shrim Hrim.

(1) **Vichitra** (The Lovely One): mantra is to be inscribed on the bark of a fig tree, & recite it 20,000 times. A sacrifice into a fire should be made of white flowers with wine & clarified butter. Mantra: **Om Vichitre Chitrarupini Me Siddhim Kuru-02 Svaha.** She bestows all desires.

(2) **Vibhrama** (Amorous One): Mantra should be written with cremation ground-dust at night time. One should be naked. She should be worshipped with ghee, camphor & recite mantra: 20,000 times. **Om Hrim Vibhrame Vibhramangarupe Vibhramam Kuru Rahim-02 Bhagavati Svaha.**

(3) **Hamsi** (Swan): The rite should be performed at the outskirts of a city. Lotus leaves & ghee should be used, & recite mantra: 10,000 times. **Om Drim Namohamsi Hamsavahini Klim-02 Svaha.** She reveals: whereabouts of buried treasure, & grants an unguent with which one may see through solid objects.

(4) **Bhishani** (Terrifying): Ritual is to be performed at the junction of 03- paths. Recite Mantra: 10,000 times. Use Camphor & ghee as the offering. **Om Aim Drim Mahamode Bhishani Dram-02 Svaha.**

(5) **Janaranjika** (Delighting Men): Recite mantra at night 20,000 times under a Kadamba tree. Camphor, sandalwood & ghee are employed. **Om Hrim Klim Janaranjike Svaha.** She gives great good fortune & happiness.

(6) **Vishala** (Large Eyed): Inscribe the mantra on tamarind bark. Recite it 10,000 times. Offer 100 leaves, flowers & ghee. **Om Aim Hrim Vishale Stram Strim Ehyehi Svaha**. She gives the alchemical elixir.

(7) **Madana** (Lustful): Recite mantra 10,000 times next to the gateway of a pure king. Offer with the sap from jasmine flowers. **Om Hrim Madane Madana-vidambini Alaye Sangamam Dehi-02 Shrim Svaha**. She gives a cure-all pill.

(8) **Ghanta** (Bell): Recite 20,000 times before a beautiful bell. **Om Aim Drim Purim Kshobhaya Prajah Kshobhaya Bhagavati Gambhirasvapne Svapne Svaha**. She gives the ability to enchant the world.

(9) **Kalakarni** (Ears Adorned with Kalas): Recite mantra 10,000 times; offer 100 blades of grass together with wine. **Om Hum Kalakarni Thah-02 Svaha**. Success in recitation brings a shakti.

(10) **Mahabhaya** (Greatly Fearful): Seated on a pile of bones, do the ritual in a shmashana. Recite mantra 10,000 times. Success brings protection from disease. **Om Drim Mahabhaye Prem Svaha**. She gives freedom from fear & the secret of alchemy, also freeing one from grey hair & signs of old age.

(11) **Mahendri** (Greatly Powerful): Success in mantra means the person is able to fly & go anywhere. Perform it near a Tulsi plant when a rainbow is present. **Om Hrim Mahendri Mantrasiddhim Kuru-02 Kulu-02 Hamsah Soham Svaha**. One obtains Patala Siddhi.

(12) **Shankhini** (Conch Girl): Perform at sunrise, using Karavira flowers & ghee. Success brings fulfilment of any desire. **Om Hrim Shankhadharini Shankhadharane Dram Drim Klim Shrim Svaha**.

(13) **Chandri** (Moon Girl): Her sadhana is as (12) above.

(14) **Shmashana** (Cremation Ground Girl): A pure person should recite her mantra 40,000 times in shmashan. One should be completely naked, smeared with ash of cremation ground. She gives treasure, destroys obstacles, & one is able to paralyse folk with a mere glance. **Om Dram Drim Shmashana-Vasini Svaha**.

(15) **Vata-yakshini**: The rite should be done at night, at the junction of 3 paths, next to a fig tree. She gives the secrets of alchemy, celestial gems & clothes. The recite mantra:: 30,000 times. She also gives a divine & magical unguent. **Om Shrim Drim Vatavasini Yaksha-kulaprasute Vata-yakshini Ehyehi Svaha**.

(16) **Mekhala** (Love Girdle): If the practitioner goes to the root of Madhuka tree in blossom on the 14th day of the lunar cycle, & pronounces her mantra, a

magical unguent is obtained which accomplishes all. **Om Drim Hum Madana-mekhalayai Madana-vidambanayai Namah Svaha.**

(17) **Vikala**: Recite mantra for 03-months. Be in a hidden place. She yields the desired fruit. **Om Vikale Aim Hrim Shrim Klim Svaha.**

(18) **Lakshmi** (Wealth): Make a fire in one's own home, using red scented blossoms & reciting the mantra 10,000 times. She gives Lakshmi Siddhi, the secrets of alchemy, & heavenly treasure. **Om Aim Hrim Shrim Lakshmi Kamaladharini Hamsah Soham Svaha.**

(19) **Malini** (Flower Girl): Recite mantra at a crossroads 10,000 times. She gives Khadga Siddhi, which means being able to stop any weapon. **Om Drim Om Namō Malini Stri Ehyehi Sundari Hams Hamsi Samiham Me Sangabhaya Svaha.**

(20) **Shata-patrika** (100 Flowers): Mantra should be recited in a wood. A fire is to be made, & 100 blossoms cast therein. **Om Drim Shatapatrike Dram Drim Shrim Svaha.**

(21) **Sulochana** (Lovely Eyed): Recite 30,000 times on a riverbank. A fire is to be built, & ghee & other pleasant substances offered. This gives Paduka Siddhi, enabling one to travel at great speed through the aethers. **Om Dram Klim Sulochane Siddhim me Dehi-02 Svaha.**

(22) **Shobha**: Wear red clothes. Repeat mantra on the 14th day. The Devi gives power of full enjoyment & appearance of great beauty. **Om Drim Ashoka Pallava Karatale Shobhane Shrim Kshah Svaha.**

(23) **Kapalini** (Skull Girl): She gives Kapala Siddhi. Recite her mantra 20,000 times, offering boiled rice & various other pleasant foods. She gives the power to go anywhere in the aethers in one's sleep, & also to go to any great distance away. **Om Kapalini Dram Drim, Klam Klim Klum Klaim Klaum Klah, Hamsah Soham Sa Ka La Hrim, Phat Svaha.**

(24) **Vara-yakshini**: At a riverbank recite her mantra 50,000 times. A fire is to be lit & ghee & other fragrant things cast into it. **Om Vara-yakshini Vara-yaksha vishalini Agaccha-02 Priyam me Bhavatu Haime Bhava Svaha.**

(25) **Nati** (Actress): Having gone to the root of a fine Ashoka tree, make a circle using sandal oil. One is to be naked, pronouncing the mantra 1000 times, & offering the rasa to the yakshini. The worship is done at night. The Nati gives hidden treasure, an alchemical unguent, & the power of mantra yoga. Her mantra is **Om Drim Nati Maha-nati Rupa-vati Drim Svaha.**

(26) **Kameshvari**: For a month the mantra is to be recited 3000 times at each twilight. Make a fire, cast into it flowers, incense, food &c. At midnight the Devi comes & has intercourse, & gives gems, clothes, secrets of alchemy & the alchemical substance itself. **Om Hrim Agaccha-02 Kameshvari Svaha.**

(27) (28) The text states these have already been described. (?)

(29) **Manohara** (Fascinating): On a beautiful pleasant river bank make a circle using sandal oil. Mantra::[10,000]. **Om Hrim Sarvakamada Manohare Svaha.**

(30) **Pramoda** (Fragrant): For one month rise at midnight, pronounce the mantra 1000 times. **Om Hrim Pramodayai Svaha.**

(31) **Anuragini** (Very Passionate): Using kumkum draw an image of a beautiful Devi on birch bark. Invoke the Devi therein, worshipping her with flame, incense, flowers &c. Then recite mantra 1000 times. Do this for one month at the 3 twilights. At midnight She comes, showering the sadhaka daily with 1000-golden coins. **Om Anuragini Maithuna-priye Yakshakula-prasute Svaha.**

(32) **Nakhakeshi**: Go naked & with dishevelled hair to the side of the house, & for 21 days do the worship at night. At midnight she comes, yielding her fruit. **Om Hrim Nakhakeshike Svaha.**

(33) **Bhamini**: Recite her mantra for 3 days whenever there is an eclipse from the period of contact to departure of the eclipse. She yields a very wonderful unguent. If smeared with this, then women are allured & one finds treasure. **Om Hrim Yakshini Bhamini Ratipriye Svaha.**

(34) **Padmini** is said to be included in (35) below.

(35) **Svarnavati**: Make a circle using sandal oil at the root of a fig tree. Offer food & so forth to the Yakshini. Recite mantra 1000 times every day for a lunar month. Then she comes, giving Anjana Siddhi. **Om Hrim Agaccha-02 Svarnavati Svaha.**

(36) **Ratipriya** (Fond of Love): Make an image of a golden Devi on cloth, writing one's own name inside. The image should be very alluring, covered in beautiful jewels. Offer red flowers, recite her mantra 1000 times for 7 days. The 25th day after the worship starts she comes at night. **Om Hrim Ratipriye Svaha.**

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